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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT VICTORIA FALLS INCIDENT

REF: OTTAWA 2658, 2745, LUSAKA 1909

1. NOW THAT QUESTION OF COMPENSATION BY GRZ TO FAMILIES OF CANADIAN VICTIMS HAS BEEN SETTLED, EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO ADVISE APPROPRIATE LEVEL GRZ THAT MR. JOHN CROTHERS SEEKS EX GRATIA COMPENSATION FOR WOUNDS AND LOSSES SUSTAINED AS A RESULT OF MAY 15 SHOOTING.

2. WHILE DEPARTMENT HAD INDICATIONS FROM MARK CHONA IN JUNE THAT GRZ MIGHT BE INCLINED FAVORABLY CONSIDER REQUEST FOR COMPENSATION TO CROTHERS, DEPARTMENT LEAVES TO DISCRETION EMBASSY QUESTION OF WHETHER INITIAL APPROACH SHOULD BE MADE TO CHONA TO FOREIGN MINISTRY OR TO ANY OTHER LEVEL OF GRZ.

3. EMBASSY SHOULD NOT REPEAT NOT PROPOSE ANY PARTICULAR SUM OF MONEY IN DISCUSSING COMPENSATION. SHOULD ZAMBIAN SIDE PROPOSE A PARTICULAR SUM, EMBASSY SHOULD SIMPLY INDICATE THAT IT WILL REPORT MATTER TO DEPARTMENT WHICH IN TURN WILL CONSULT WITH MR. CROTHERS.

4. DEPARTMENT REALIZES THAT IT MAY BE DIFFICULT TO SEE
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APPROPRIATE GRZ OFFICIALS ON THIS MATTER IN VIEW LOCAL PRE-

OCCUPATION WITH UP-COMING ELECTIONS. HOWEVER, REQUEST

THAT COMPENSATION QUESTION BE TAKEN UP AS SOON AS FEASIBLE.
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